(b) whether this will discriminate against public ector units which produce similar products or require similar status?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The plant of M|s. Reliance Industries at Patalganga in Maharashtra has been declared as refinery for obtaining raw naphtha at concessional rate of duty of Rs. 30 per kilo litre under Notification No. 75|84 dated 1.3.1984 for manufacture para-xylene. Refinery status had also been earlier granted to other similar units. The declaration of a petrochemical complex as a refinery aims at keeping down the incidence of Central Excise duty and avoiding cascading effect of taxation so that the price of final product is reasonable. Since duty over and above Rs. 30 per kilo litre on raw naphtha is exempted if used in the manufacture of paraxylene in a premises declared as refinery, there is no loss of revenue to the government.

(b) No Sir. Similar status has already been granted to public sector units producing same product.

Complaints received by the M.R.T.P. commission

3616. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.R.T.P. Commission entertains complaints from individual and public organisations;

(b) whether a complaint was received from Consumer Education and Research Society (CERS) recently regarding unfair trade practices committed by scooter companies; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the scooter comapnies and the action taken by M.R.T.P Commission against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) One such complaint was received from Consumer Education & Research Society (CERS) against M|s. Lohia Machines Limited, Kanpur. Director General (I&R) has since submitted a Preliminary Investigation Report which is under consideration of the MRTP Commission. The Commission is empowered to take further appropriate action in the matter as per the provisions of the MRTP Act relating to Unfair Trade Practices.

Committee to monitor prices of man made fabrics and Years

3617. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Committee to monitor the prices of man-made fabrics and yarns and ensure that due penefit of the duty relief reaches the consumer;

(b) if so, what is the composition of the Committee: and

(c) how the Committee will exercise control on sales and distribution of manmade fabrics and yarns?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as follows—

1. Textile Commissioner, Bombay Convener

2. A representative of Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Industry

3. Commissioner (TRU), Department Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

4. President of the Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry or his representative.

5. A representative of the Association of Polyester Staple Fibre Manufacturers.

6. A representative of the Association of Man-made Fibre Industry of India.

7. A representative of the All India Crimpers Association.

8. A representative of the India Cotton Mills Federation.

9. A representative of the Federation of the Art Silk Weaving Industry.

10. A representative of Powerloom Industries Association.

11. A representative of the Clothing Manufacturers Association.

12. A representative of the Retailers Federation, Bombay.

13. A representative of the Bombay Piece Goods Merchants Mahajan.

(c) The Committee is required to keep a watch over the price trends and advise the Government regarding the remedial measures, if necessary.

Complaints regarding the late delivery of telegrams

3618. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) complaints received about the non-delivery or late delivery of telegrams during the year 1987-88 circle-wise;

(b) what were the corresponding figures during the year 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(c) the details of remedial measures taken by Government to eliminate or minimise the delay in the delivery of telegrams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is as under:

Circle	No. of complaints		
	1987-88	1985-86	1986-87
Andhra Pradesh	833	1004	1062
Assam*	161	..	..
Bihar	274	289	305
Delhi	583	750	553
Gujarat	117	749	705
Haryana*	197	..	..
Himachal Pradesh*	74	..	..
Jammu & Kashmir	88	114	87
Kerala	852	818	820
Karnataka	908	1424	1335
Maharashtra	2017	2117	2314
Madhya Pradesh	338	361	370
North East	13	162	66
Orissa	144	200	165
Punjab	307	690	720
Rajasthan	156	213	173
Tamil Nadu	1112	2187	2108
Uttar Pradesh	925	1075	1178
West Bengal	686	1089	1176

*Circles were formed in 1987-88